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Honorable Michael E. Smith, President
City of Cranston Planning Board
869 Park Avenue
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RE: Natick Avenue Solar

Dear President Smith and Esteemed Commission Members,

As Business Manager of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 99, I represent 800 Women and Men who provide their skills for our over seventy signatory contractors in the Electrical industry in the State of Rhode Island, many of which live right here in Cranston. In addition, we own and operate two facilities in Cranston totaling more than 30,000 square feet.

I apologize that I am not in town this evening for this most important hearing. I am submitting this letter to express Local 99's strong support for the approval of the Natick Avenue Solar project.

Local 99 has been fortunate to have a relationship with Revity Energy for many years. The men and women I represent have been constructing renewable energy projects for decades and for many of those years performing this work for this local family-owned business.

It is not unusual for Local 99 to testify to advance construction projects in Rhode Island. However, it is extremely satisfying when doing so because we know we have a part in building a better and cleaner world for our children. Equally as important is we are able to achieve that with a company who has their home base right down the road from our office.

As you undoubtedly know already, this family has the strongest of commitment to the people they employ and the world they occupy. The respect they offer my members is exactly what these men and women deserve and I am thrilled Revity recognizes the value of local skilled labor to build these most important projects.

In conclusion, we respectfully request approval of the Natick Avenue Solar project so we, and the generations to follow, may enjoy the world we all know and love.

Sincerely,

Joseph L. Walsh, Jr.

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